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In re Application of: Koji Matsuo et al.

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For: ETCHING SOLUTION, CONTAINING HYDROFLUORIC ACID

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on March 30, 2005,
please amend the claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.